

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 709 – SB 922

March 15, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004497): Deletes the original bill. Eliminates the early voting period for a municipal election if the election is not held in conjunction with any primary election, the regular August or November general elections, any special primary or special general election for state or federal offices, and if there is no opposition for any of the offices involved.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease Local Expenditures - \$63,100/Permissive

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Every Two Years

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The municipality is responsible for the cost of a stand-alone election under current law.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections' office, 115 municipal elections will fall into this category. This number of municipal elections reflects stand-alone municipal elections in 2010 (31 elections) and 2011 (84 elections).
- Every qualifying municipality will be required to eliminate the early voting period.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections' office, the decrease in local expenditures from not conducting early voting in 115 stand-alone municipal elections is expected to exceed \$100,000 every two years. This is based on historical costs applicable to stand-alone municipal elections.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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